

Comment and Gossip on Sports of the Day

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LONG REST FOR FOOTBALL

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By Herbert.

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The arrival of Frank Chance in this city to take up the reins as manager of the Yankees has been far more interesting than the meetings of the two major leagues at which the schedules for the approaching season were adopted. So much has been written and said concerning the Peoria leader that it seems unnecessary at this time to enlarge on the worth of his welcome or upon the work that he has before him to put the Yankees back on the baseball map. It can be said, however, that those who met him for the first time were deeply impressed with his personality. He seemed to inspire every one with whom he talked with that confidence which means so much in the development of a winning team. It seemed almost as if the outward and visible signs were not necessary to impress his ability, and once more Frank J. Farrell can be congratulated for stopping at nothing in bringing him to this city to rehabilitate, if possible, the fortunes of New York's team in the American League.

Charles Ebbets, chief owner of the Brooklyn Superbas, was deserving of the consideration shown to him by the other owners in the National League in advancing the opening of the playing season one day for his special benefit. It means three gala days of baseball for the "fans" within two weeks, so that the action is being generally applauded. The enterprise, and in a sense the generosity, of Mr. Ebbets in building a new field across the bridge which will be a credit not only to Brooklyn, but to baseball, was well worthy of the recognition accorded.

One cannot blame John J. McGraw for equivocating over the apparent faithlessness of "Rube" Marquard, the pitcher, who it seems unnecessary to recall, won sixteen straight games last year. McGraw is quoted as saying: "If Marquard quits me after the way I stuck to him when he was a loser something ought to be done." Of course something ought to be done, but just what punishment would fit such a crime would be hard to say. McGraw holds out the hope that Marquard will be ready when the ball rings, and perhaps he will. In the opinion of some of the "fans" it will be a state's prison offense for the brilliant pitcher to handcap the Giants at the start of another pennant race by refusing to report.

It is plain that the men now in control of the Giants are more than willing to spend a dollar to earn a dollar, and evidence was given when they abrogated a contract, which had two years to run, in rewarding John J. McGraw with a new contract for five years at a big advance. It may or may not be true that the "Little Napoleon" will draw a salary of \$50,000, but the figures are not far from it, and judging by what he has accomplished, he is worth every penny of it. Nothing succeeds like success.

College football will be the better for the long rest which seems assured, so far as tinkering with the rules is concerned. The changes made by the committee in its yearly meeting last week will clear up several points without in any way affecting the character of the game as played last fall. Perhaps the most important ruling, and one which the secretary did not bring out in talking to the newspaper men on Saturday, makes it possible for the defending players to interfere with the man making the forward pass until the pass actually is made. This will tend to hurry the play and perhaps make it less effective or possibly more haphazard even than has been the case. It was disappointing that the members of the committee "passed the buck" so far as numbering the players is concerned to the teams. If Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth or Cornell would set the style, the reform may yet be accomplished. Anyway, I have still a little hobby to ride.

Hannes Kolehmainen is likely to go on breaking records every time he starts within the next few weeks. Nobody who saw the remarkable running of this distance marvel from Finland at the New York Athletic Club game on Wednesday evening will question this prediction. Not satisfied with breaking a record at a set of games in the afternoon, one of the heroes of the Olympic games enjoyed a light supper, crossed the bridge, and took another whirl at figures which have come to be respected. Any man who can smash five American and one world's record within six hours and do it with such ease against the strongest possible competition must be placed in a class by himself. When he crossed the line at the end of five miles on Wednesday evening he did not appear to be in the least distressed, and dozens expressed the opinion that he could have clipped another ten seconds off the mark without half trying. He runs with so little knee action and with so little apparent effort that his true condition may be deceiving, but I firmly agree with a number of good judges that

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he has not yet reached the limit of his ability in his playful task of breaking records. Followers of track and field sports in this country are beginning to appreciate what this great runner accomplished over in Stockholm last July. George Bonham frankly admits that he has never seen his equal over distance of ground, and I subscribe to the same opinion.

Abel Kiviat and Oscar Hedlund also must be mentioned in this connection because of their brilliant performance in establishing new indoor records for one mile last week. It begins to look as if the year 1913 would be as prolific in new marks and almost as sensational on track and field as the year 1912. In any case, a good start has been made. Hedlund smashed the old mark for one mile indoors on Wednesday, setting the figures at 4:38.45. Kiviat ran away from Hedlund on Saturday evening and put the record at 4:18.5. Such running is worth talking about.

Out of the haze and cry over the Jim Thorpe case comes a charge through the official organ of the New York Athletic Club, which is direct enough even without using names to demand some sort of action. An example is given of how clubs and regimental athletic associations are "held up" for appearance money, and under the circumstance it seems only fair for the man who furnished the facts without giving the name to stand out boldly and make the charge which would necessitate a hearing by the proper authorities. "The Winged Foot" says: "Conditions in the Amateur Athletic Union at the present time are none too easy. There is much talking and too little action. It is high time for the Amateur Athletic Union to have a thorough house cleaning. The present condition of amateur athletics, particularly in New York, is nauseating. Why the Amateur Athletic Union officials permit these conditions to exist is a mystery."

I write no brief for the officials of the Amateur Athletic Union, or more particularly for the officials of the metropolitan association, but as I have said more than once in this column it is one thing to suspect a man and another thing to prove him guilty. It is impossible to do any real house cleaning without a broom, and for some reason hard to explain brooms are mighty scarce these days. It seems to be generally understood, and I myself am not lacking in suspicions, that a number of the leading athletes are not running in the straight and narrow path of pure amateurism. But nobody seems bold enough to come forward and open the way for a clearing of the atmosphere and a general investigation, which no doubt is sadly needed. It is one thing to talk and gossip and create a feeling of general distrust. It is another thing to give the Amateur Athletic Union officials the help needed to mete out punishment. If the New York Athletic Club, or even one member of the New York Athletic Club, knows that the conditions are "nauseating" it would be an athletic blessing to have the true facts brought to the attention of those whose duty it is to act. When one sits at a set of games and hears his neighbor declare with all the assurance in the world, "That fellow won't run for a penny under \$50," it is time to pause. Where there is smoke there must be fire, and it remains for some athletic Moses to step forward and lead amateur athletes out of the wilderness of commercialism and deceit.

Yale men can be congratulated over the selection of Howard Jones to act as head coach of the football eleven. He knows the game from every angle, and better yet, enjoys the happy faculty of knowing how to impart it to others.

Within three months the thoroughbred running turf has lost two of its best and truest friends—James R. Keene and General Stephen Sanford. Both men found their greatest pleasure in breeding and developing their own horses, and both expended thousands of dollars to buy the best horses the markets of the world afforded to improve and build up the breed in this country. They did much, too, for the American thoroughbred. In many respects they were much alike. Neither cared to wager on the chances of his horses, but each raced for the pure love of the sport and for the exhilaration which came from seeing the strife of the real blue bloods of the turf. They will be missed when the present dark days for racing are past and the sport once more comes into its own.

LATE EXHIBITS ARRIVE

Motor Boat Show at the Garden Is Now Complete.

Although the Motor Boat Show now in progress in Madison Square Garden was closed to the general public yesterday, there was an unusual amount of activity within the big building. A number of exhibits which were delayed in transportation from various distant points were put in place. A few finishing touches also were made to the decorative idea, and the show, which opened on Saturday afternoon, is now complete in every detail.

There is every indication that the show this year will be a success from every standpoint. The attendance on Saturday afternoon and evening far surpassed that of any previous opening day and much business was done by the exhibitors.

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VANGUARD OF THE GIANTS THAT LEFT YESTERDAY FOR MARLIN, TEX.



Left to right—Joe Evers, Grover Hartley, Theodore Goulait, Toby Thompson, John J. McGraw, Christopher Mathewson.

NOVICE SPRINGS SURPRISE

Bergman Wins 'Cross-Country Run of Morningside Club.

FRICK TOO FAST FOR FIELD

Spring Weather Brings Out Large Pack of Runners to the Contests.

The spring weather of yesterday accounted for the large pack of "cross-country" runners that took part in the many invitation runs held throughout the city. Henry Bergman, a novice runner of the Morningside Athletic Club, caused a surprise when he easily captured the weekly run of his club. He won by more than a hundred yards after assuming the lead at the two and a half mile mark. Nelson and Fitzpatrick finished second and third, respectively. A field of more than thirty athletes competed, and all finished the course.

The Pennant Athletic Club run was captured easily by Harvey Erick, the fast Bronx Church Avenue athlete, who proved too fast for the pack of twenty-five competitors. Frick went into the lead at the second mile, and was never headed. Richard Brandt, of the St. Ann's, was second, and a short distance in advance of Frick. Frick, of the Holy Cross Lyceum, who was third. The winner finished the muddy course in 21 minutes 36 seconds.

Jack Miller, the distance runner of the Morningside Athletic Club, left far behind the field that took part in the first run of the Morningside Athletic Club. He trotted home more than a full minute in front of his nearest rival, in the first time of 20 minutes for a three and three-quarter mile course.

A driving finishing sprint marked the weekly road run of the Bronx Athletic Club. James Klatt, a member of that club, noted out John Soukup, of the College Point Young Men's Catholic Lyceum, by two yards. The two athletes were abreast one hundred yards from the tape, but Klatt proved the best sprinter. James Loukar, another College Point runner, was third, three yards behind Klatt. The four-mile run was covered in the fast time of 21 minutes 5 seconds.

Frank Brady and James Linquist, both of the Maplewood Athletic Club, fought for first honors in the run of the Kings County Athletic Association, of Brooklyn. They remained on almost even terms from the start, but Linquist tore away from his elaborate in the final quarter-mile. Five yards separated them at the finish. The winner's time was 21 minutes flat.

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Advance Guard of the Giants Off for Marlin

McGraw Takes the Out Trail with the Recruits.

"FANS" WISH MATTY LUCK

Joe Evers, Too, Comes in for His Share of Attention—A Baseball Prediction.

They sounded over the good old Winter League and Hot Stove Circuit yesterday afternoon, shortly after 2 o'clock, when John J. McGraw led the advance guard of the champion Giants on the long trail to Marlin, Tex., there to begin their spring training. Christy Mathewson, joined the team. Grover Hartley, the young catcher Joe Evers, brother of Johnnie Evers, of Chicago, "Toby" Thompson and Teddy Goulait, the recruit pitchers, were those who left the Pennsylvania terminal on the 206 express for the West. Other members of the team will be played up along the route. The men will arrive in Texas on Wednesday morning, and by that time McGraw expects that thirty men will be ready to start the long training grind.

The group will be joined at Harrisburg, Penn., by Jim Thorpe, the wonderful athlete from the Carlisle Indian School, and Wilbur Robinson, the coach for the young pitchers. Then, at St. Louis, George Witter, Leon Ames, Jeff Tesreau, George Furness, La Rue Kirby, "Big Ed" Jacobson, Hamler, Smith and one or two others will be picked up. Perryman, Al Demaree, Bader, Robertson and others will be met on the way to Marlin. The men will get right down to hard work as soon as they reach the camp. The veterans will be on hand by March 1, and the first game will be played in Marlin on that date.

The men, all of whom appeared to be in good condition, were the centre of attraction for more than three hundred day-in-the-wood "fans" who were on hand to wish them goodspeed on the trip. Matty, of course, the grand old monarch of the pitching mound, was the real centre of attraction, and many of the rooters once more took the chance to wish him all the good luck in the world, and hope that this would be his most successful season. The big fellow grinned all over and thanked his well wishers. Little Joe Evers came in for his share of attention. Evers stood off on one side with the humility becoming a rookie, and did not mingle with his future mates until Grover Hartley brought him over and introduced him all around. Evers is for all the world like his celebrated brother, Johnny. He is short of stature and slender, but his every movement bespeaks the agile athlete. He looks like Johnny, too, and, if looks count, he should make good.

McGraw, of course, was recognized and greeted by the crowd. When asked what he thought of the possibilities of the coming race, McGraw said that, while he never liked to make a prediction, he intimated that the team that beat the Giants would come pretty close to figuring as a principal in the world's series.

McGraw said, in part: "I never make a prediction. Baseball is perhaps the most uncertain of all sports, as I have discovered in my long experience in the game. However, we will start right in and work hard from the start to finish, and will be ready when the season opens. I will be alone with the recruits for several days before all the regulars arrive on the scene, and will have an opportunity to size them up pretty well. I believe that several of them will prove to be valuable men."

"I hope sincerely that everything will go along well on the trip, and I trust that the threatened differences between the railroad men and the company are delayed until we reach camp. I will have to work hard myself, for I am far overweight—about twenty pounds, to be exact—and I have always made it a practice to go right in and work with the men myself."

PLUMS FOR THE SKEETERS

Indians Remembered in International League Schedule.

The opening card of the night for the pennant in the International League during the coming season will be fired on April 16, weather permitting. The Newark Indians will open the season with the Toronto team as their guests, and the Jersey City Skeeters will try their best to sting Buffalo when the teams meet on the Jersey City grounds.

Jersey City and Newark have been favored by the schedule makers. Newark will be at home on eleven Saturdays and sixteen Sundays, and will have the champion Toronto team for opponents on two Saturdays and two Sundays, and Rochester for their opponents on one Saturday and three Sundays. Newark will also be at home for one game on both Memorial Day and Independence Day.

The Skeeters will have twelve Saturdays, fourteen Sundays and both Memorial Day and Independence Day. Newark and Jersey City will play against each other on both the aforementioned dates. On Memorial Day the teams will play in Newark in the morning and in Jersey City in the afternoon, while on Independence Day the programs will be reversed. Both teams will be away from home on Labor Day. The Skeeters will play in Providence, while the Indians will travel to Baltimore.

TWO TEAMS FALL BACK

New York and Elizabeth Lead in Bowling League Race.

JERSEY MUST FIGHT HARD

Gerdas Rolls Highest Individual Average in Game with Newark Bay.

Through the postponement of the series between North End and Jersey City, on the alleys of the latter, these two teams are three games behind the others in the Athletic Bowling League race, which leaves the New York Athletic Club and Elizabeth tied for the lead, with twenty games won and thirteen lost. North End needs to win only two games to become involved in the tie, for at present the team stands third, with eighteen won and twelve lost.

A victory over Jersey City will practically eliminate the latter from all chances of first place. It is likely that these teams will meet this week, although so far the date has not been arranged. By rolling an average of 218 at Newark Bay on Friday night, Fred Gerdas, of the New York Athletic Club, came out in front in the individual competition, with figures of 152.3 for thirty-three games, displacing Hammacher, of Roselleville. The latter has only a six-pin lead over Asa Harris, the Jersey City pacesetter.

Outside of these three, there is no one who is likely to push through to the top except by sensational plying. Al West's 203 is now high individual score, while the developments of the last week brought three teams into the 200 average class.

The standing of the clubs and individual averages follow:

MUST FIND A NEW COURSE

Cornell Oarsmen Handicapped by Construction Gang Work.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The Cornell crews will be badly handicapped by the large canal terminal construction work in the Cayuga Lake inlet, according to Charles E. Courtney. Courtney is planning to open regular practice and select combinations to-morrow, and the canal work may result in the crews being taken to Glen Wood, four miles down the lake, every afternoon when the open water season begins. This will necessitate cutting down the rowing squad on account of the extra expense of transportation. It is feared this will be a handicap, as much of the inexperienced material could not be taken along.

International League Baseball Schedule for the Pennant Race of 1913

	AT TORONTO.	AT MONTREAL.	AT BUFFALO.	AT ROCHESTER.	AT BALTIMORE.	AT PROVIDENCE.	AT NEWARK.	AT JERSEY CITY.
TORONTO.....		May 25, 26, 27, 28 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	May 29 (20-20*), 31 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	July 3 (4-4)* Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (20-20)	April 30, May 1, 2 (3-3)* June 27 (28-28) Aug. 5, 6, 7	April 25, 26, 27, 28 June 24, 25, 26 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11	April 16, 17, 18, 19 June 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 15, 16, 17	April 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 June 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 12, 13, 14
MONTREAL.....	June 9, 10 (11-11) July 10, 11 (12-12) Sept. 8, 9, 10		July 3 (4-4)* Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (20-20)	May 29 (20-20*), 31 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (20-20)	April 21, 22, 23, 24 June 19, 20, 21 Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14	April 16, 17, 18, 19 June 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 15, 16, 17	April 25, 26, 27, 28 June 24, 25, 26 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11	April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891,